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KEATON OIL CO. GETS BIG WELL

LOCAL COMPANY MAKES A RICH STRIKE ON UPPER BLAINE

In the Upper Blaine Field.

The United Fuel Gas company is moving five rigs into the Caines creek and Knob Branch section of Lawrence county to develop their large acreage of leases.

The Union Gas & Oil company is drilling its No. 23, 24, 25 and 26. The third well on the J. J. Gambill farm and the second on Roscoe Miller are two of the late wells. The Daniel Skaggs well is a big producer, good on tests made for about 40 barrels. One of the largest gas wells brought in by this company is a new one on the Lance Skaggs farm 1 1/2 miles west of the other wells. This is an important extension.

The Keaton Oil company has drilled in a well on the Jesse Lyons tract that is said to be good for 50 barrels per day. There is a lot of gas sand, which insures an enormous deposit of oil. This is the company promoted by Dr. Gambill and George W. Kouns, who hold half the stock.

New Territory.

The Good Losers Oil company, of Ashland, has started a well on J. C. Riffe's farm near Glenwood. This is a part of Lawrence county that has not heretofore been given a test.

Near Louisa.

The James Grubbs well is a gas well, producing about 100,000 feet per day. This is near Yatesville.

The Hester Carter well should reach the sand on Saturday of this week.

Well No. 2 on Thad Ranson is in the sand.

The well on Dr. T. D. Burgess farm is down about 400 feet. The work was delayed by casing off a cave.

F. H. Yates is completing his well near Mattie. This work was delayed by a broken stem and bad rods until the last few days.

Well No. 2 on the Point opposite Louisa will be started at once. The contractors are now rigging up.

The Hays, contractor, is starting a well for the company that took over the Ophir holdings. They expect to drill several wells.

In Johnson and Magoffin.

There seems to be no doubt about the Johnson-Magoffin oil field being a good one. Lease holders are after contractors to drill it up. They are making propositions to some of the men having drilling outfits in the Lawrence county field.

The pipe line will be extended there soon and development will then go forward very rapidly.

BIG FIRE AT PAINTSVILLE 25

Paintsville was visited last Thursday night by another disastrous fire which wiped out the entire west side of Court street, from the residence of Capt. J. D. Preston to the brick building of Dr. F. M. Bayes, on the corner of Court and Second streets.

The fire started in the restaurant of Proctor Stapleton about 12 o'clock and spread rapidly until the entire street was in ashes.

For a time it looked as though the entire town was doomed to destruction. Eight buildings were destroyed.

Following are the losses:

Jno. D. Preston, \$12,000; Proctor Stapleton, \$5,000; Jim Ruth, \$1,000; Dora Adams, \$1,000; Mrs. Ethel Howes, \$1,500; Howes & Howes, \$5,000; W. H. Vaughan, \$2,500; Clyde Hazlett, \$1,000; Mrs. Paul Frazier, \$2,000; Enoch Robinson, \$1,500; Nash Vanhorne, \$500; W. H. Stone, \$1,500; Stone Saddle Shop, \$1,500; Rolla Greene, \$2,500; F. Bailey, \$5,000; Dr. Harry Manalinger, \$2,500; Dr. F. M. Bayes, \$5,000. Other losses not listed. Damage to other buildings \$5,000.

Rolla Greene had only \$1,500 insurance, the only insurance in the loss. Paintsville needs water works and now is a good time to start the agitation.—Herald.

Howard Carter Gives Bond for Appearance at Trial Saturday

Howard, son of Kay Carter, charged with killing Walter Jobe's son, surrendered yesterday and gave bond under warrant for voluntary manslaughter in the sum of \$500. His trial was set for Saturday of this week in the Lawrence Juvenile Court.

This is the case reported in last week's issue of the NEWS where a boy 14 years old killed another boy 15 years of age.

The trouble occurred at a "working" on the farm of the Carter boy's uncle. The boys had never met before and the trouble started, it is said, by some one telling one of the boys that the other said he was going to whip him.

Both boys had axes and the Carter boy struck Jobe a light blow on the head with the flat side of his axe. Jobe sank to the ground and died after making an effort to climb up by the fence. The skin was not broken, but evidently death was caused by a fracture of the skull or concussion of the brain.

Shirley Ratliff of Walbridge is attending school at this place.

One of the Boyd County Jail Breakers Arrested Here

Robt. Whitney, wearing a sailor's uniform, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of breaking into a freight car at Catalpa. In company with Clarence Webb and another fellow, Whitney got into a box car at Hampton City loaded with merchandise. At Catalpa station they threw out some goods while the train had stopped at the station. Whitney is the only one yet arrested.

These fellows were in the party that broke out of jail at Catlettsburg about ten days ago. Whitney was injured in getting out, but has about recovered. He was in the Navy for awhile, but is said to have been "kicked out" for bad behavior.

Mr. Duke, C. & O. detective, and Sheriff Wm. Taylor made the capture of Whitney.

Grayson Banker Dies At Directors' Meeting

Grayson, Ky., March 27.—Winfield Scott, 65 years old, president of the Citizens Bank here for many years, died suddenly while presiding over a directors' meeting today. As he sat down to the table he fell back in his chair and died almost instantly. Mr. Scott had been prominent in merchandizing and banking here for more than thirty years, and was known throughout Eastern Kentucky.

ROAD MEETING AT LOUISA APRIL 6

VARIOUS ROUTES FOR THE MAYO TRAIL TO BE DISCUSSED.

To all citizens of Lawrence county who are interested in the proposed new highway known as the Mayo Trail:

There will be a meeting in the court room at Louisa on April 6th at 1 p. m. of the Lawrence Fiscal Court and the State Locating Engineer to discuss the different proposed routes leading thru Lawrence county.

ROUTE 1—Beginning at the Boyd county line at near Buchanan, following up the west bank of the Big Sandy to Louisa; then from Louisa up Lick Creek to its head, down Trace Branch to the river and up the river to the mouth of Georges creek. Borders Chapel, hitting the Johnson line at a point opposite Chestnut, Ky.

ROUTE 2—Beginning at the Boyd county line at Bolts Fork and running up East Fork creek to the mouth of Little East Fork; thence over the ridge by the way of Veselle and down Catt creek to Fallsburg and up Big Blaine creek to Yatesville, crossing near Mt. Pleasant and into Louisa, leaving Louisa crossing over to Two Mile Creek and up Two Mile creek by the way of Russesville and Evergreen; then up left fork of Little Blaine by way of Blackburn, Norris and Charley; down Georges Creek to the mouth of the left fork of Georges Creek and up the left fork by way of Ulysses, Chestnut Grove and hitting Johnson county line at Loumansville.

ROUTE 3—Same as Route 2 from Bolts Fork to Evergreen; thence up the right fork of Little Blaine to the mouth of Adams branch; up Adams branch and over by way of Ellen to Prospect; thence up Brushy creek by way of Cordell and Wilbur, hitting the Johnson line at head of said Brushy creek.

ROUTE 4—Same as Route 3 from Bolts Fork by way of Louisa to a point half-way between Prosperity and Cordell; thence leaving said Brushy creek over to Blaine; thence up Hood creek, hitting the Johnson county line at Davisville.

ROUTE 5—Same as Route 4 from Bolts Fork to Blaine; thence up Big Blaine to the mouth of Lower Laurel; thence up Lower Laurel crossing Johnson county line to Flat Gap.

We will be glad to have all interested citizens present at this meeting to discuss these different routes, so as to find out how each community stands as to donating right of way.

M. E. S. POSEY, Chief Locating Engineer.

FATAL SHOOTING AT SHELBY, PIKE CO.

At Shelby, Pike county, on Tuesday of this week a shooting affray occurred in which Tilden Moore was killed, Ben Moore dangerously wounded, and Will Kelly and Hawkins Kelly seriously shot. The trouble was about some moonshine liquor.

The Kellys were each shot twice, but were able to be taken to the Pikeville jail.

Tilden Moore was killed instantly and his brother Ben was wounded while shooting at the Kelly brothers. After falling he raised and shot one of the Kellys twice.

The Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South, met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. D. C. Spencer and Mrs. Billie Riffe at the home of Mrs. Spencer.

Mr. A. B. Ayers, president of the Union Gas & Oil company, will make Louisa his headquarters during the coming season. He is putting his two daughters into school here.

BROTHERS LOSE HOMES BY FIRE

CASH THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN BANKS WAS LOST IN BOTH FIRES.

Arthur Burchett lost his house by fire a few days ago, together with nearly all the household goods. He lived in the old John J. Jordan house on Blaine, near the mouth of Deephole branch.

It is reported that \$600 in cash belonging to Mrs. Carl Burchett was caught in the fire. Carl is Arthur's brother and his residence was burned about three weeks ago, together with \$400 in money. His wife had \$600 on her person, and after their house burned she is reported to have taken it to Arthur's home and deposited it snugly in a new trunk. The relentless flames still pursued her and got the money after all according to the report given to us. No insurance.

These are good, industrious people and their losses have called forth the sympathy of their neighbors.

The New State Road Law of Kentucky

State Highway Commissioner Boggs quotes a section of the new law and his interpretation of it:

"The State Highway Commission shall ascertain all gifts, donations or appropriations which have heretofore been made or promised by any person, corporation, county, or municipality in aid of the construction of any road known as a State Aid or Federal Aid road, where such gift, donation or appropriation has not been completed, and any promise thereof, shall be binding and of full effect the same as when made, and nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the validity thereof."

This provision clearly sets forth that no reimbursement will be made on projects of this character which have already been financed or which will be financed under past promises up until July 1, 1920.

The program of construction which has been laid out in this bill will require at least 10 to 15 years for its ultimate completion, even though future legislatures furnish sufficient revenues for that purpose, and counties which repudiate their present agreements or promises with this office in regard to projects which are now under way or which will be under way by July 1, 1920, will be in grave danger of not only losing their Federal money which have been set aside for them, but may postpone the construction of certain projects until years in the future. For these reasons, it is very necessary that contemplated improvements which have been under way for some time be handled as if no new road bill had been enacted.

CAR SHORTAGE CUTS THE COAL OUTPUT

Mines in Kentucky during the week ending March 29, were in a worse condition than at any time since the strike from a transportation standpoint. The production during the period mentioned amounted to only 106,485 tons out of a possible 255,000 tons, or only 42 per cent of potential capacity. Hence there was a loss of 58 per cent, with a car shortage responsible for a loss of 56 per cent or 144,225 tons. Even during the dull period of the corresponding week of 1919 the output was larger than was the case last week in the Northeast Kentucky region and in fact throughout all Kentucky regions, the scarcity of cars being confined to no particular field.

As far as the Northeast Kentucky field was concerned there was a decrease of 15 per cent in production as compared with the week ending the 13th. Cars were short on both the Chesapeake and Ohio, and on the Louisville and Nashville, but the latter road had even less equipment to distribute to mines on its lines than the C. and O., with the result that mines were operated about two days out of the six. There was a temporary spurt on the Big Sandy Division of the C. and O., at the outset of the week when 372 cars were furnished, enabling the mines to load 18,600 tons, but on the following day only 9,800 tons were produced, and by Wednesday the car supply was down to 169 cars with an ever smaller supply in sight for Thursday.

Not only was car service on the C. and O. exceedingly below par, but to make matters worse the road had resorted to the practice of assigning cars to certain operations furnishing railroad fuel, in excess of the rating of such mines, operators charged, while mines producing coal for commercial usage were deprived almost altogether of a supply.—Enquirer.

G. H. Stambaugh and family have moved to Kenova, W. Va. Mr. L. Wright and family occupy the residence vacated by them on upper Franklin-st.

C. E. Hensley and family left the first of the week for Catlettsburg. Lyman Riley's family moved in from Yatesville Tuesday and will occupy the Hensley residence which was purchased a few days ago by M. B. Sparks of this city. Mr. Riley recently bought the lively business on Lock avenue.

Mr. Jack Cupp and little son will leave for North Carolina soon to join her husband who has employment there.

D. S. C. Awarded Lawrence County Man

Distinguished service cross has been awarded to First Sergt. Lewis R. Nunley, Company G, 38th Infantry, of Huletts, this county, for heroism. Sergeant Nunley's citation reads: "For extraordinary heroism in action near Mezy, France, July 15, 1918, Sergeant Nunley, then Corporal advanced in the face of intense machine-gun fire, and single-handed attacked an enemy machine-gun position, killed the crew and returning with the gun to our lines. Later he led line men in a flank attack on the enemy and captured twenty-five men."

Mrs. Emily Walker Herr Dies at Orlando, Florida

Lexington, Ky.—Mrs. Emily Walker Herr, formerly of this city, is dead at Orlando, Florida, according to telegrams received here Saturday. She was a sister of Kenner Walker, secretary of the Bluegrass Fair Association, and had gained considerable note as a poet, her works being locally popular for years. Two sons, Alonzo and Hiram Herr, of Ashland survive.

Mrs. Herr was a daughter of the Rev. Hiram Walker, a noted Methodist minister in earlier days. Mrs. Herr was at one time on The Courier-Journal staff and was for years a contributor to various magazines.

She was a sister of Mrs. Shipman and Mrs. G. A. Nash, of Ashland.

FIRE DAMAGES THE LOUISA INN

The Louisa Inn, one of Louisa's hotels, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire Tuesday afternoon. A considerable amount of damage resulted, in spite of the prompt and vigorous methods used to quench the flames.

When discovered the fire was getting hold of the roof. The origin is not known, but it is thought some of the employees dropped a match into some paper in a closet.

Two streams of water soon got the flames under control, but the entire main building was flooded with water. Windows were broken, the roof damaged, and a lot of furniture put into bad condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Justice had \$3500 insurance on the building and \$1500 on the furniture. It was the first loss on insurance written by Augustus Snyder during 15 years or more that he has been writing insurance. He wired for an adjuster and Harry Haskell arrived Wednesday morning. A settlement was agreed upon at \$1824.33 for the building and \$588.50 for the furniture.

The loss of the Louisa Inn at this time, with the crowded conditions existing here, would have been a calamity not only to the owners, but to the town.

CHICKEN SUPPER.

A chicken supper will be served on Saturday evening in the basement of the M. E. Church, South, beginning at 5 o'clock. The price of the supper will be 50 cents a plate. Ice cream and cake will be served those who desire at the usual price. If any one wants cake and cream only it will be served.

Gene Ross of Williamson, W. Va., has bought from J. P. Gartin a house and lot in Louisa and will move to this place. He is now in a vocational training school.

Rev Henry W. Schwan, of Huntington, W. Va., is in Louisa and held a meeting on Wednesday evening of the members of the Christian Church to plan the work for the special meeting that is to begin next Sunday in that church.

ASHLAND'S MILLION DOLLAR BANK

Says the Louisville Post:—The announcement of the successful bank consolidation at Ashland, Ky., is of interest to the whole state of Kentucky, to the people of Louisville almost as much as the people of Kentucky, for this consolidation undoubtedly means a step, and a long step, toward closer commercial and financial relations between Louisville and Eastern Kentucky.

Ashland is a very busy place at the present time, and is destined, because of its proximity to the coal regions to be busier. The business men of that city and of the adjacent counties have long needed increased banking facilities, and these are to be afforded by the new bank, which, doing business in the name of the Ashland National Bank, is to increase its capital stock to \$1,000,000, and is to have as its president Mr. John E. Buckingham, than whom no able business man nor sound banker lives in Kentucky to-day.

The Evening Post congratulates Ashland upon securing this bank, and the bank upon securing the services of Mr. Buckingham. The whole thing has been planned by a group of men with real vision. A great development is in progress in Eastern Kentucky, and there are men in that section and in Louisville who know how to help it on.

EMPLOY ENGINEER FOR STEET PAVING

SURVEY TO START IMMEDIATELY AND CONTRACT WILL BE ADVERTISED SOON.

The city of Louisa has employed Mr. Cooper, an engineer of wide experience, to make the survey and plans for street paving and to superintend the work of paving. He comes well recommended. He is a native of Virginia and has done work in New Jersey and West Virginia.

Mr. Cooper is expected to begin work to-day. The advertising required for letting the paving contract will be done very soon in the hope of being able to complete a lot of the work this season. The City Council is alive and on the job and no time will be lost in accomplishing this, the most important enterprise ever undertaken by the town. There were only ten votes cast against the paving proposition when it was voted upon, so it is expected that there will be practically unanimous co-operation on the part of our citizens.

HATCHER-POWERS SHOE CO.

Ashland is to have a wholesale shoe store with a capital stock of \$200,000 most of which has been subscribed.

This new organization was formed last week and Mr. Harry Hatcher and Mr. O. P. Powers took a little trip thru the Big Sandy Valley in the interest of this concern and when they returned a few days later they had sold \$125,000 worth of the stock to people outside of Ashland. And a large majority of this stock to the people of Pikeville and Pike county.—Ashland Independent.

COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME.

Miss Sallie Burns, who is a student in Kentucky University, Lexington, Miss. Garnet See, of Georgetown College and Jim Ferguson, who attends a military school at Manlius, N. Y., arrived home last week to spend the Easter vacation. Mrs. R. L. Vinson went to Cincinnati to meet her nephew, Jim Ferguson.

MRS. MARY M. MOSES DIES.

Mrs. Mary M. Moses, 85, died of infirmities at the home of her son, Frank L. Moses, in Huntington, W. Va., Tuesday afternoon. She is survived by three sons, Frank, Moses, S. A. Moses of Seattle, and Lucian Moses of Birmingham. Funeral services were held at the residence Wednesday. Interment will be at Birmingham, Ala.

THE ICE PLANT.

The new ice plant building is under roof and the concrete floor is being laid. Two car loads of the equipment are here and the entire plant will be shipped to Louisa right away. Mr. Adams has had a lot of obstacles to overcome in order to get the building ready by this time. The plant will be put in operation at the earliest possible date.

OFFER TO HELP CO. REPAIR ROADS

Louisa, Ky., April 1, 1920.

We, the Ohio Fuel Oil company, are willing to go in with the county of Lawrence in repairing road from Louisa to the five forks, and will place at the disposal of the county two teams and six men, for one week of six days, providing it takes that long to repair said road. And provided further, that said county of Lawrence furnish an equal number of teams and men for an equal length of time. If any other oil company will furnish teams or men for the repairing of said road, such number of teams or men so furnished shall be deducted from the number of teams we, the Ohio Fuel Oil Co., are to furnish. But if no other corporation will furnish men or teams to help repair this road, we agree to furnish as many men and teams as is furnished by the county of Lawrence up to the above specified amount, two teams and six men.

OHIO FUEL OIL COMPANY. Per J. A. Crumley, State Supt.

This offer should be accepted immediately by the county, and no doubt will be. Prompt action at this season is very important in road matters.

There are some mud holes on the main roads in the county that can be drained and filled with a few hours work, making the roads passable. The county has a large army truck that is the best power ever tried on pulling road machines. It has been tried out on the streets of Louisa with in the past week with fine results. There are miles of roads which this equipment will put into good condition. The rocky sections can be taken care of otherwise.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

A mass convention of the Democrats of Lawrence county is hereby called to meet at the court house in Louisa on Saturday, May 2, at 2 p. m., to send delegates to the State convention at Louisville May 4th, which is for the purpose of selecting delegates to the presidential convention to be held at San Francisco June 28th.

J. H. WOODS, Chn.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Cecil Adams, 22, to Birdie Jobe, 18, of Overda.

Alvin Moore, 52, to Mrs. Belle Bartley, 30, of Adams.

Taylor Frazier, 22, to Bertha Endicott, 21, of Portsmouth.

Koontz for Governor of West Virginia

Arthur B. Koontz, a prominent young lawyer of Charleston, has a fine chance for the Democratic nomination for Governor if he wants it.

Mr. Koontz did not return home from his Eastern business trip until Wednesday night. He was in a number of political conferences late in the week, and said he probably would make a definite decision before Monday. It is now positively known that he has been tendered the active support of Colonel Clarence W. Watson, former United States Senator William E. Chilton, his brother, Joseph E. Chilton; Governor John J. Cornwell, former Governor William A. McCorkle and George L. Neal, of Huntington, and his friends are informed that a number of other prominent party men are ready to back him if he announces at once.

One of the strongest elements of strength Mr. Koontz would have, however, in the opinion of his friends, would be the young business and professional men of the state. Former Congressman Adam B. Littlepage is a candidate for the nomination.

PROF. BYINGTON RETIRES AS HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF LOUISA

I desire to thank the Board of Education of the City of Louisa and all the patrons of the public school for their many favors and kind indulgence during the fifteen years that I have been in charge of their school. I have resigned my position as Superintendent in the public school to take effect April 30, 1920.

My College, Normal and Business courses demand my undivided attention and my very best efforts. So I shall be found at the "Old Stand" putting forth my whole energy for those who patronize the Kentucky Normal College. W. M. BYINGTON.

CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER MATTERS OF RELIGIOUS NATURE

Missionary Meeting.

The Woman's Missionary Society, M. E. Church South, met at Mrs. D. C. Spencer's Tuesday afternoon. After devotional exercises the program for March was followed with some other features of the work.

Report of Supt. of Social Service showed that \$10 had been expended on parsonage the past quarter.

Mrs. R. C. McClure was elected with Mrs. Mary B. Horton alternate to represent the society at the annual meeting to be held in Pikeville May 6.

Our society has had the past winter for reading the books, "Making America Safe," and "Adventures in Foreign Lands," and we are now reading "Money the Acid Test." We are expecting a good result from the Mission study course.

Mrs. Cora Burton read from "Information for Leaders on Labor Reconstruction," and the "Man with the Hoe." Mrs. Ella Hays read an article written by Prof. Skinner on the work Mrs. Keith has done for Laredo Seminary which we all enjoyed and were glad to hear for we knew our young people had been in it.

Miss Belle Bennett's account of the new work started in Brussels was given by Mrs. Rice, a song was sung, and several joined in prayer for our work here and elsewhere.

Mrs. R. L. Vinson read "Putting God First."

We welcomed two new members, Mrs. W. H. Berry and Mrs. C. B. Walters, to our number. We regret to lose two of our members, Mrs. W. L. Ferguson and Mrs. A. M. Campbell, but our loss is Huntington's gain I feel sure.

Our offerings were \$18. We stood and sang the Doxology and the meeting adjourned. A delicious salad course was served by our hostesses, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Billie Riffe.

SUPT. OF PUBLICITY.

The ladies of the M. E. Church South will serve a chicken supper in the basement of the church on Saturday, April 3, beginning at 5 o'clock.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Revival services will start at the Louisa church on Wednesday, April 21. Rev. Bell will do the preaching. The Wisdom Sisters, of Missouri, have been engaged to assist in the meeting.

Services last Sunday morning were conducted by Rev. H. B. Hewlett, and there was a fair sized congregation present. No services at night.

Next Sunday morning communion services will be held, and the minute men will have a program. There will be special Easter music. No services have been announced for evening.

Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning service 10:30. Evening service 7:00 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m. Bible Class Thursday 6:30 p. m. Choir practice from 6 to 6:40 p. m. Friday.

A cordial invitation is extended every one to attend these services. JAS. D. BELL, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School every Sunday 9:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30.

M. E. CHURCH.

Easter services will be held at the M. E. Church next Sunday evening to which all are cordially invited.